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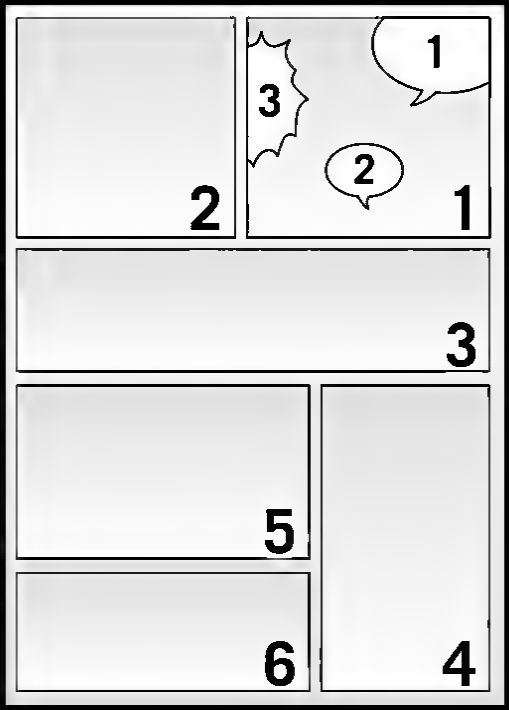


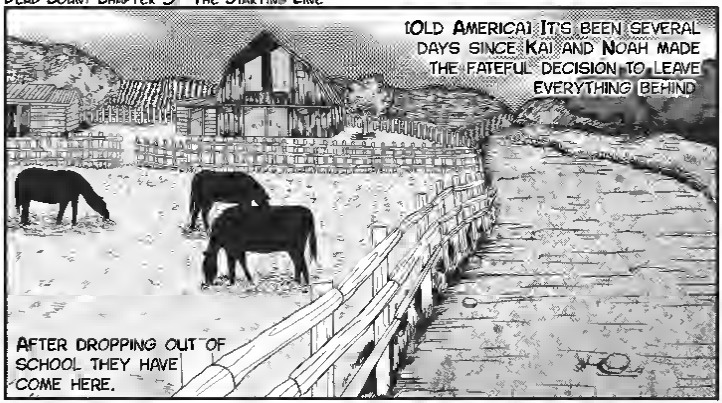
How to Read Manga

Mahga reads from right to left

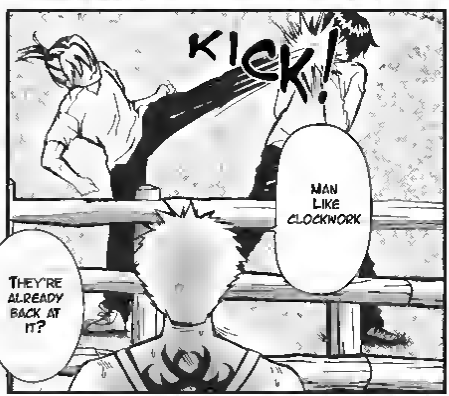
1. Start in the upper-right corher of the upper-right pahel. Read the pahel from right to left.

2. Repeat the process in the panel to the immediate left.

3. After the fihal pahel oh the left move down the page ahd repeat starting with the first right panel


[Old America] It's been several days since Kai and Noah made the fateful decision to leave everything behind
After dropping out of school they have come here.

To grab the future only they can see.
Pappy's Ranch


KICK!
Man like clockwork
They're already back at it?

WIPE
Mateo, the Blacksmith

PAPPY, THE RANCH OWNER
SIGH
PAPPY!
KAI IS LEARNING TO THINK A LITTLE BEFORE A PUNCH IS THROWN.
DASH!
PUNCH!
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?
NOT TOO BAD FOR ONLY A FEW DAYS OF TRAINING.
DASH
BUT, NOAH ..

COUGH!
COUGH!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

NOAH!

YES! FINALLY GOT A CLEAN ONE IN!

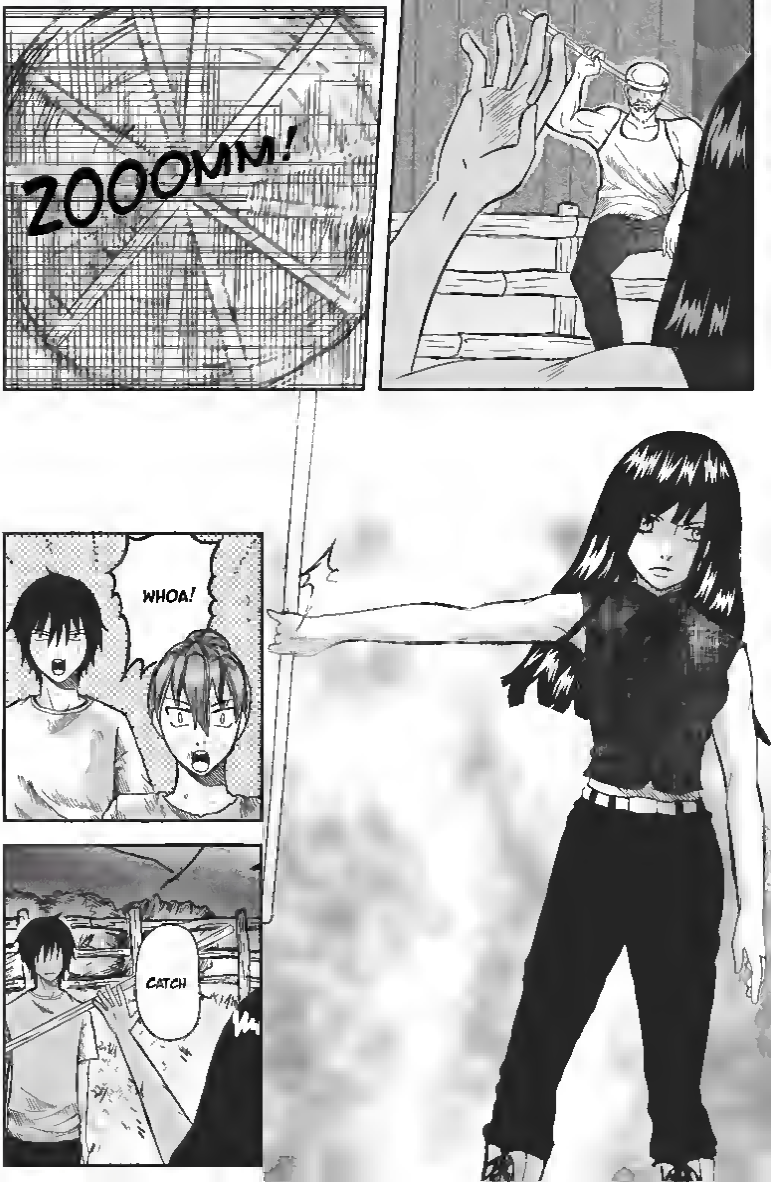
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

ALRIGHT..
...LET'S GO!
STAND
SIGH
...
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS..

HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN ON DOING THIS EXACTLY, NOAH?
LUCRETIA, PAPPY'S GRAND-DAUGHTER
DOING WHAT?
TRYING TO COMMIT SUICIDE.
SUICIDE?

BULLSHIT !!!
YOU CAN BARELY TAKE A PUNCH WITHOUT KEELING OVER BUT YOU PLAN ON GOING OUT THERE AN FACING BATTLE HARDENED PSYCHOS?
WHERE'S THE SENSE IN THAT?
W-WHAT? I'M NOT-
I JUST WANT TO DO WHAT I CAN WHILE I AM STILL ABLE TO.
IT IS NOT LIKE I CAN LIVE A FULL LIFE ANYWAYS...
...

SIGH
N-NOAH.
EH?
PAPPY!
SMILE
SURE THING.
THROW ME MY STAFF WOULD YA.


ZOOOMM!
WHOA!
CATCH

H-HEY!
WITH YOUR CONDITION, YOU SHOULDN'T BE TRYING TO FIGHT LIKE A BRAINLESS BRAWLER.
YOU HAVE GOOD REACTIONS AND WHEN YOUR BODY ISN'T HOLDING YOU BACK, YOU MOVE REALLY WELL.
I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU HOW TO FIGHT IN A WAY THAT MAXIMIZES YOUR POTENTIAL BUT LIMITS YOUR PHYSICAL EXERTION.
THAT'S JUST LIKE HER.
SHE'S ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE STILL AROUND THAT FOUGHT IN THE DEAD COUNT BACK IN THE DAY. IF ANYONE CAN GET HIM IN FIGHTING CONDITION, IT'S HER.

H-HEY, WAIT A SECOND!
WHAT ABOUT ME?? YOU'RE TAKING MY TRAINING PARTNER!
HEY PAPPY, WOULD YOU MIND BABYSITTING KAI FOR A FEW WEEKS?
B-B-B-BABY SITTING?!
PAPPY MIGHT HAVE SOME AGE NOW, BUT HE'S GOT THE STRENGTH OF SEVERAL OXEN
HE CAN HELP YOU INCREASE THE POWER OF YOUR PUNCHES.
WELL COME ON KID, I MIGHT NOT BE AS PRETTY AS LUCRETIA,
BUT I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU. BUT YOU'LL BE HELPING WITH MY CHORES TOO!
OH COME ONNNNN!

SOMETHING WRONG??
HA HA HA!!
YOUR ILLNESS MAY HINDER YOU, BUT IT DOESN'T DEFINE YOU.
BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN DO MORE AND YOU WILL, NOAH.
WELL...
IS THERE REALLY A WAY FOR ME TO FIGHT TILL THE END?
DID YOU NOT THINK THERE WAS?
GOOD LUCK, NOAH.
YES MA'AM!

KAI..
DRIP
COME ON, YOU GOTTA SHIFT YOUR WEIGHT BETTER!
PUNCH
YAAAAAAA!
HAHAHA
DODGE

AAHH!
UGH

WE TRAINED OUR BODIES FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS. THEY PUT US THROUGH HELL AND BACK, FOR OUR SAKES. FOR THE SAKE OF OUR GOALS.
HUFF
HUFF
YAA AAA AA AA
AAA AAA AAA AA
NOT BAD! BUT-
DODGE

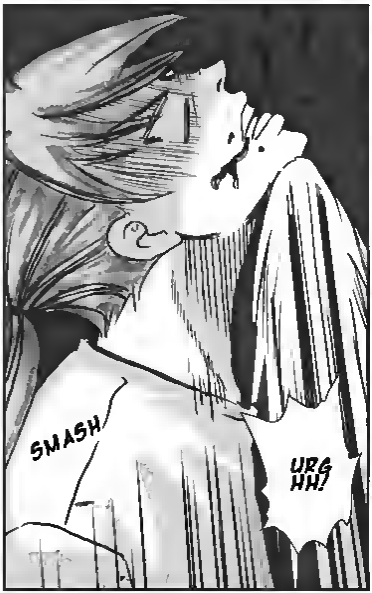
POW!
PUNCH!
SMIRK

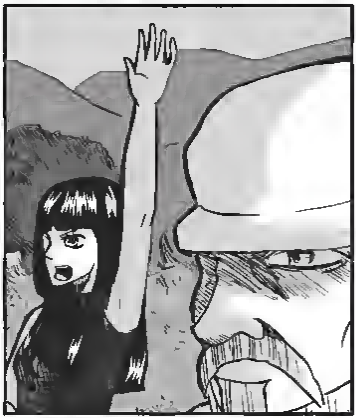
OLD BASTARD..
YAAAAAA
AAAAHHHH!!!
KLANG!
UGH
WE GAVE UP WHO WE WERE
WE GAVE UP ON SCHOOL
WE GAVE UP ON ANY OTHER OPTIONS

NO MATTER HOW HARD IT GETS
WE CAN'T GIVE UP.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH IT HURTS.

NO MATTER HOW MANY TEARS WE SHED.

BRW AAA AAA HHH!

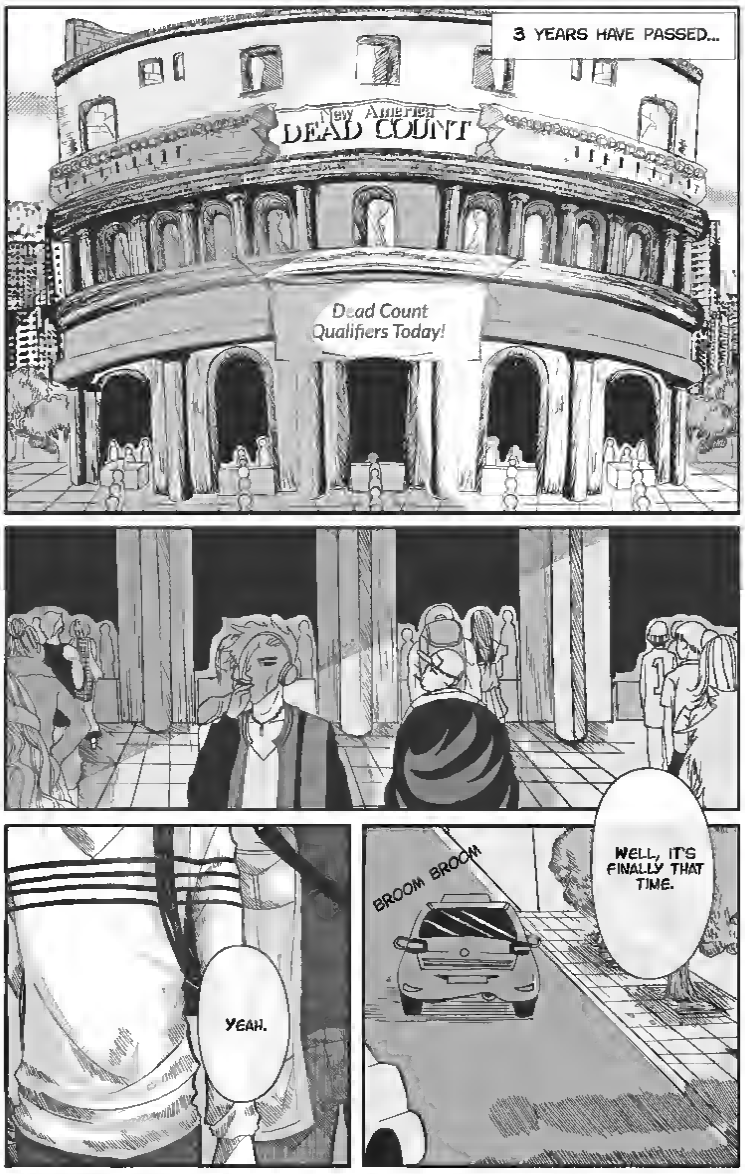

SMASH
URG HH!



NO MATTER HOW UNFAIR IT GETS.
WIP
HUFF
HUFF
SWOOSH
THIS IS THE WORLD WE KNOW.

HIT!
O-OW..

GRAB
AND WE'LL CHANGE THIS WORLD.


3 YEARS HAVE PASSED...
New America
DEAD COUNT
Dead Count Qualifiers Today!
BROOM BROOM
WELL, IT'S FINALLY THAT TIME.
YEAH.

END.